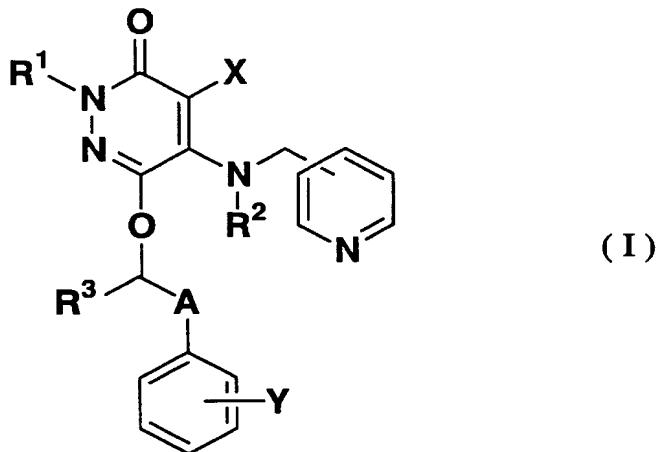


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

claims

Claim 1 (Original): An antineutrophilia agent containing a 3(2H)-pyridazinone compound represented by the formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.



wherein each of  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  is independently a hydrogen atom or a  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl group,  $\text{X}$  is a halogen atom, cyano or a hydrogen atom,  $\text{Y}$  is a halogen atom, trifluoromethyl or a hydrogen atom, and  $\text{A}$  is a  $\text{C}_{1-8}$  alkylene which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group.

Claim 2 (Original): The antineutrophilia agent according to Claim 1, wherein in the formula (I),  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are hydrogen atoms,  $\text{R}^3$  is a hydrogen atom or a  $\text{C}_{1-4}$  alkyl group,  $\text{X}$  is a halogen atom,  $\text{Y}$  is a halogen atom or a hydrogen atom, and  $\text{A}$  is a  $\text{C}_{1-5}$  alkylene which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group.

Claim 3 (Original): The antineutrophilia agent according to Claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the formula (I) is 4-bromo-6-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)propoxy-5-(3-

pyridylmethylamino)-3(2H)-pyridazinone or 4-bromo-6-[3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropoxy]-5-(3-pyridylmethylamino)-3(2H)-pyridazinone.

Claim 4 (Original): The antineutrophilia agent according to Claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is an organic acid salt or an inorganic acid salt.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The antineutrophilia agent according to ~~any one of~~ ~~Claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, which is a preventive or therapeutic agent for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.